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SUBJECT: VISIT OF PRESIDENT DEKOU TOURE

REF: CONAKRY 1061

1. AFTERNOON JULY 9, MFA RECEIVED WORD
FROM CONAKRY THAT PRESIDENT LAMIZANA WOULD RETURN OUAGA AT
1300 JULY 10, ACCOMPANIED BY GUINEA'S PRESIDENT SEKOU TOURE.

2. BY NEXT MORNING, GOUV HAD PREPARED AN ELABORATE PROGRAM
FOR SEKOU TOURE'S VISIT. POPULATION OF OUAGADOUGOU WAS MOBILIZED
TO GIVE ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTION TO GUINEAN PRESIDENT. BY
10AM, THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE, WITH BANDS AND DANCING GROUPS,
WERE LINING ROADS LEADING TO AIRPORT AND PRESIDENTIAL PALACE.
DIPLOMATIC CORPS AND GOUV OFFICIALS ARRIVED AT AIRPORT AT
1230. THERE WAS STILL NO INDICATION THAT THE PRESIDENTS
HAD LEFT CONAKRY. AT 1630 IT WAS FINALLY ANNOUNCED THAT
LAMIZANA AND SEKOU TOURE WOULD ARRIVE OUAGA JULY 11 AND
POPULATION WAS ASKED TO REASSEMBLE THE NEXT DAY.

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3. NO REASON WAS GIVEN FOR POSTPONEMENT, BUT THERE WAS MUCH SPECULATIN THAT TALKS BETWEEN LAMIZANA AND MALI'S PRESIDENT TRAORE WERE NOT GOING AS WELL AS TOURE HAD EXPECTED. VOLTAN MINISTER OF INTERIOR, BILA ZAGRE ON OTHER HAND, WONDERED IF SEKOU TOURE MIGHT HAVE HAD WEIRD IDEA OF BRINGING MOUSSA HRAORE TO OUAGADOUGOU FOR SPECTACULAR PUBLIC RECONCILIATION WITH LAMIZANA. ZAGRE COMMENTED THAT VOLTAN POPULATION WAS NOT PSYCHOLOGICALLY PREPARED FOR SUCH EVENT AND THAT POPULAR REACTION COULD BE VERY NEGATIVE.

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